Marilyn Katz, MD 1/20/2015 Testimony Executive Nominations Committee

Good day Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Marilyn Katz and it is an honor and privilege to be appointed to the Medical Examining Board by Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

My sincere thanks to this committee for the opportunity to appear before you to speak to my desire to serve on the Medical Examining Board.

I am originally from rural New Hampshire – 10 miles from the Canadian border. I studied bioengineering in Philadelphia before moving to Connecticut as a high school science teacher. I was accepted to the University of Connecticut for Medical School and have lived in Hartford ever since.

I completed my medical school and internal medicine residency training at UConn Health and now work there as a primary care physician. In addition to seeing patients, I work directly with the medical residents in their primary care clinic, lead a small group of second year medical students in an introduction to clinical medicine and work one-on-one with a medical student for a three year continuity clinic.

Currently I serve on the Academic Advancement Committee at UConn Medical School, which is responsible for evaluating students who have struggled academically and take appropriate action after reviewing each case. In many ways this parallels the work of the Medical Examining Board, but at a different stage in a doctor's career.

Serving on the Medical Examining Board at this stage in my career is a unique opportunity for me as an individual, but also will benefit those I teach at UConn. Being able to help the next generation of doctors with my experiences will benefit many people down the road.

Thank you so much for providing me the time to speak today. I welcome any questions.